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11. Post delivered reftel demarche to contacts in Austria's Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (Cabinet of the Minister and departments of International Trade and Plant Cultivation), Ministry of Health (departments of Biotechnology and Consumer Health), and Economic Ministry (Department of Multilateral Trade and WTO affairs).

12. Post did not receive a response to the demarche, but Austria has a long history of opposing biotechnology varietals in agriculture, both domestically and within the EU.

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